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AUGUST 15 AND 17, 1978

CTB MESSAGE NO.303

1. SUMMARY: OSI WORKING GROUP CONTINUED DISCUSSION OF
SOVIET TEXT TABLED AUGUST 7 (CTB 289). DISCUSSION
AUGUST 15 FOCUSED ON US DEL'S SUGGESTIONS REGARDING LIST
OF BASIC EQUIPMENT, AND US AND UK DELS EXPLAINED FURTHER
THEIR OBJECTIONS TO SOVIET PROPOSAL THAT LISTS AND PRO-
CEDURES FOR BASIC EQUIPMENT SHOULD BE WORKED OUT BY
JOINT CONSULTATIVE COMMISSION. AT MEETING AUGUST 17 US
DEL CIRCULATED SUGGESTED COMPOSITE DRAFT OF ARTICLE III
OF SEPARATE AGREEMENT (TEXT IN CTB 304). HECKROTTE (US)
NOTED THAT THE SOVIET DRAFT ARTICLE HAD SHOWN MOVEMENT
TOWARD US ON SEVERAL ISSUES, ALTHOUGH SEVERAL DIFFERENCES
REMAINED, AND HE SUGGESTED GROUP TRY TO AGREE ON A COM-
POSITE TEXT AFTER THE RECESS. WELCOMING THIS SUGGESTION,
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BEZUMOV (USSR) DEFENDED SOVIET FORMULATIONS, PARTICULARLY
PROVISION THAT DESIGNATED PERSONNEL SHOULD BE REQUIRED TO
SUBMIT A REPORT ON OSI RESULTS BEFORE LEAVING THE INSPEC-
TION AREA. END SUMMARY.

2. AT THE OSI MEETING AUGUST 15, HECKROTTE, SUPPORTED BY
WEEKS (UK), SUGGESTED LANGUAGE THAT WOULD BE AN ACCEPT-

ABLE SUBSTITUTE FOR SOVIET PROVISION ON REQUIREMENTS FOR JCC AGREEMENT ON LIST OF BASIC EQUIPMENT. SUGGESTED LANGUAGE WOULD REQUIRE PARTICIPANTS TO PROVIDE LISTS OF BASIC EQUIPMENT TO JCC, BUT LISTS AS WELL AS PROCEDURES FOR USING BASIC EQUIPMENT WOULD NOT BE SUBJECT TO JCC AGREEMENT. BEZUMOV OBJECTED THIS WOULD LIMIT THE JCC UNDULY; IT SHOULD BE FREE TO CONSIDER QUESTIONS OF EQUIPMENT FOR SPECIFIC OSIS AS WELL AS PROBLEMS ARISING FROM ADVANCING TECHNOLOGY.

3. HECKROTTE CIRCULATED NEW LANGUAGE FOR THE LIST OF BASIC EQUIPMENT IN PARA 3 OF THE TECHNICAL ANNEX: EQUIPMENT FOR DETECTING AND ANALYZING RADIOACTIVITY AND RADIOACTIVE PRODUCTS AND FOR TAKING AND ANALYZING SAMPLES; FOR DETECTING REMNANTS OF ENGINEERING ACTIVITY; AND FOR DETECTING, RECORDING AND ANALYZING SEISMIC SIGNALS. BEZUMOV ASKED QUESTIONS FOR CLARIFICATION BUT MADE NO COMMENTS ON SUBSTANCE.

4. THE MEETING AUGUST 17 WAS DEVOTED TO DISCUSSION OF A NEW COMPOSITE DRAFT ARTICLE CIRCULATED BY US DEL. HECKROTTE WELCOMED EVIDENCE OF MOVEMENT TOWARD US IN SOVIET DRAFT OF ARTICLE III, AND SUGGESTED OSI GROUP TRY TO DEVELOP A COMPOSITE TEXT AFTER THE RECESS. HE EXPLAINED US BRACKETS ON SOVIET LANGUAGE IN DRAFT JUST CIRCULATED. (A) THE US DEL CONSIDERED THE SOVIET PROVISION
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ON POSITION-FIXING EQUIPMENT TO BE INADEQUATE. THE AGREEMENT SHOULD SPECIFY THE METHOD OF POSITION-FIXING SO DESIGNATED PERSONNEL COULD CONFIRM THAT THEY WERE IN AGREED AREA AND ORIENT THEMSELVES WITHIN THE AREA. (B) THE SOVIET PROVISION FOR A "JOINT ANALYSIS OF THE INFORMATION OBTAINED BY THE PARTIES" WOULD UNDERMINE THE OBJECTIVITY OF THE OSI. (C) WHILE THE US DEL COULD AGREE TO AN INTERIM REPORT ON THE OSI BY DESIGNATED PERSONNEL BEFORE THEY LEAVE THE INSPECTION AREA, ONLY GOVERNMENTS SHOULD DRAW CONCLUSIONS ON THE BASIS OF DATA COLLECTED AND ANALYZED DURING THE OSI. THE US DEL HAD ACCORDINGLY BRACKETED THE SOVIET PROVISION FOR A REPORT ON "RESULTS" OF THE OSI BUT PROVIDED FOR AN INTERIM REPORT. (D) FINALLY, THE US DEL BRACKETED THE SOVIET PROVISION REQUIRING OSI RIGHTS AND FUNCTIONS AND EQUIPMENT TO BE "SPECIFIED BY THE PARTIES IN DETAIL" DURING CONSULTATIONS ON AN OSI. THIS PROVISION SEEMED NOT ONLY OBSCURE BUT REDUNDANT, IN VIEW OF THE TEXT ALREADY AGREED ON CONSULTATIONS DURING THE INITIATION OF AN OSI (ARTICLE II, PARA 5).

5. AFTER AGREEING THAT THE OSI GROUP SHOULD TRY TO DEVELOP A COMPOSITE TEXT WITH A MINIMUM NUMBER OF BRACKETS,

BEZUMOV DEFENDED THE SOVIET TEXT ON POINTS RAISED BY
HECKROTTE. MOST NOTABLY, HE ARGUED THAT, SINCE THE AGREED
PURPOSE OF AN OSI WAS TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT A NU-
CLEAR EXPLOSION HAD OCCURRED, DESIGNATED PERSONNEL SHOULD
BE REQUIRED TO ISSUE A REPORT AS TO WHETHER OR NOT A
NUCLEAR EXPLOSION TOOK PLACE BEFORE LEAVING THE INSPEC-
TION AREA, RATHER THAN LEAVE THE MATTER IN SUSPENSE.
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